



**MEETING MINUTES**  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The  
First, Second, and Third  
Tuesday of each month

**Special Meeting**

Conway Ranch

**October 21, 2008**

4:30 p.m. Meeting Came to Order

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

*No one spoke.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- 1) Tour of Conway Ranch (**Dan Lyster and Tim Alpers**) - The Board will take a tour of the Conway Ranch.

**Action:** Provide direction to staff if desired.

Tim Alpers: Introduced his business partner, John Frederickson, and hatchery manager, Justin Long. Alpers gave a brief overview of the operation:

- Capitalizing on two diversions that feed the hatchery. During drought conditions, they can recycle water within the facility.
- Working on sterilizing the ponds to improve fish health, sanitation and water conservation.
- Will continue to have irrigation through nine points of diversion, which will filter the water and maintain grazing.
- A new area will be constructed to accommodate special events, such as fishing events and tours.
- The operation stocks 10,000 pounds of trout in 15 locations throughout Mono County. The County program gets fish that are between 1-2 pounds.
- By the end of the month, major infrastructure will be complete.
- Next year they want to install an incubation facility in order to hatch eggs.

Frederickson: Fish and Game inspected the facility and determined that the facility meets best management practices. The Forest Service is interested in this facility as a tie-in to other interpretive locations in the area.

Alpers led a tour and described the various infrastructure improvements and goals:

- Currently looking at an option of using well water and using wind and solar power.
- Hope to lift the current ceiling on production.
- In addition to the hatchery, the purpose of the facility is to irrigate the ranch, which will be done using best management practices.
- There is potential for the ranch to become another recreation attraction in the County.
- Plan to maintain the visual aesthetics when constructing facilities.
- Plan to install a disinfection station to power wash the equipment and keep disease and invasive species out of the facility.
- Since the Mammoth Lakes fishing event has become so popular and crowded, there is interest in holding the event at the ranch.
- After construction is complete, the plan is to finish the roadway and install landscaping.
- Next year, the four ponds will be ready.

ADJOURN: 5:45 p.m.

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